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Applicant:

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Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Final Office Action mailed June 3, 2003.

The requested extension is for One (1) Month, extending the period for response from September 3, 2003 to October 3, 2003.

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the One (1) Month Extension of Time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to

Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A copy of this Petition Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 3, 2003

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